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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES."

1 Change the effective date of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, to "Effective
2 July 1, 2008"

3 Strike lines 27 to 53, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
4 following in lieu thereof:

5 "(c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop and
6 implement an interagency agreement with the Department of Mental
7 Health and Addiction Services to provide for the transition of care for
8 children and youth who are under the supervision of the
9 Commissioner of Children and Families and who may qualify for
10 available services through the Department of Mental Health and
11 Addiction Services on and after such youth's eighteenth birthday. The
12 Commissioner of Children and Families shall continue to provide such

13 supervision for any youth eighteen years of age or older if the youth is
14 a full-time student in high school or in an institution of higher
15 education. Under the interagency agreement, the Commissioner of
16 Children and Families shall (1) send referral information, including,
17 but not limited to, a copy of the youth's treatment plan, developed
18 pursuant to section 17a-15 of the general statutes, and adolescent
19 planning conference form and all documents compiled in preparation
20 for, or produced as a result of, the adolescent planning conference, to
21 the Department of Mental and Addiction Services for each youth who
22 may qualify for available services through said department at least two
23 years prior to the date of proposed transition; (2) hold a meeting with
24 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services not later than
25 ninety days after a youth is found to qualify for available services
26 through the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to
27 (A) develop a transition plan for the youth, and (B) discuss the services
28 needed to assist the youth in developing the skills necessary to
29 transition to adulthood and engage in the adult mental health system
30 by the date of the proposed transition and make recommendations for
31 modifications to the youth's treatment plan, if appropriate; (3) invite
32 the youth to attend the meeting held pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
33 subsection; (4) provide services for the youth recommended in the
34 transition plan and, if such services are provided by the Department of
35 Mental Health and Addition Services, fund such services; (5) monitor
36 the transition plan to determine if goals are being achieved and assist
37 in the resolution of any problems that occur; and (6) ninety days after
38 the development of the transition plan, and every ninety days
39 thereafter until the date of transition, provide written updates
40 regarding the youth's progress under the transition plan to the
41 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the youth, the
42 youth's parent or guardian, and the youth's attorney and guardian ad
43 litem."

44 Strike section 2 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
45 and internal references accordingly

46 Strike lines 116 to 141, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the

47 following in lieu thereof:

48 "(e) (1) The commissioner shall collaborate and cooperate with other
49 state agencies providing services for mentally disordered children and
50 adults with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance abuse
51 disabilities, or persons with both disabilities, and shall coordinate the
52 activities of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
53 with the activities of said agencies. (2) The commissioner shall
54 participate in the development and implementation of an interagency
55 agreement with the Department of Children and Families pursuant to
56 subsection (c) of section 1 of this act, for the transition of care for
57 children and youth who are under the supervision of the
58 Commissioner of Children and Families. Under the interagency
59 agreement, the commissioner shall (A) determine whether each youth
60 referred by the Department of Children and Families qualifies for
61 available services not later than forty-five days after the date of referral
62 and provide written notice of such finding to such youth and the
63 youth's parent or guardian, (B) attend a meeting with the Department
64 of Children and Families not later than ninety days after a youth is
65 found to qualify for available services to (i) develop a transition plan
66 for such youth, and (ii) discuss the services needed to develop the
67 skills necessary to transition to adulthood and engage in the adult
68 mental health system by the date of the proposed transition and make
69 recommendations for modifications to the youth's treatment plan,
70 developed pursuant to section 17a-15, if appropriate, and (C) monitor
71 implementation of the transition plan and assist in the resolution of
72 any problems that occur."